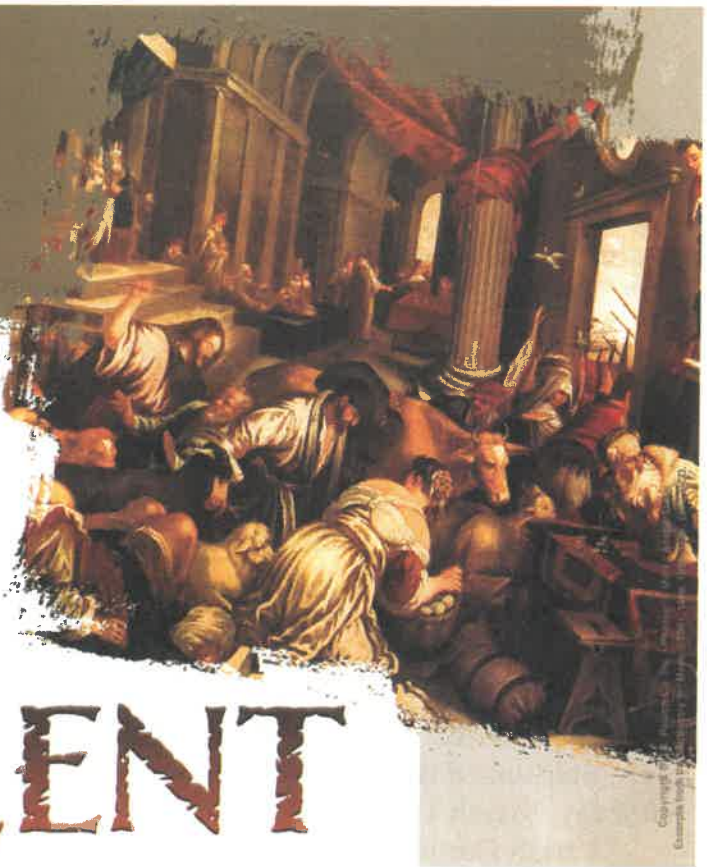


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Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15

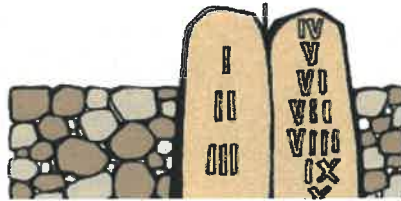
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Today's reading from Exodus tells of God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses; this passage is well known to Christians, but it is only the introduction to the entire Mosaic Law, or Torah. The Psalm is a small section of the longest in the Psalter—172 verses—which are generally couplets (two lines) praising the Law as perfect, true, just, right, and so on. The Law is both the source of Jewish identity and the centerpiece of the Jewish intellectual tradition. Paul

briefly compares this tradition with those of the Greeks, the two groups in the church at Corinth that were often quarreling. The passage from John's Gospel shows Jesus' righteous anger as he chases the moneychangers from the temple. His actions are a sign of Jesus' own reverence for "my Father's house," which in turn reflects his deep appreciation for the Law.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 6, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, March 7, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Frances & +MaryAnn Quigley and +Margie Pyle req. by Frank Quigley

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday, March 11 – 9:00 am

+Dennis Schubert

Friday, March 12, 2021 - 9:00 am - Adoration

Stations of the Cross – 6:00pm

Saturday, March 13, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of S. Patrick

Sunday, March 14, 2021 – 9:00 am

Fr. Joe Follmar

| DATE | USHER/GREETER | LECTOR |
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| SATURDAY, March 13 - 5:45pm | Mike & Katie Horath | Jim Kreske |
| SUNDAY, March 14 - 9:00am | Dan & Cathy Gesell | Lisa Price |

COUNTERS FOR MARCH 14, 2021 – Boyle & Kotesa

Father is available for Confession here at St. Pat's after Mass on Saturday evening;

Thursday and Sunday morning; and by appointment.

Also S St. Rose , Wilmington every Wednesday at 6pm.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is
\$2,090.37

Sunday, February 14, 2021.....\$1,040.00

Your generous contribution to our Easter Collection allows us to carry on . Thank you for your generosity!

Our parish website can be found at:

www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



JOLIET DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

Students in grades 8-11 wishing to attend a catholic high school may apply for this scholarship. Students must have a significant financial need, and must actively attend a Catholic parish. Application forms are available in the parish office. FACTS application must be completed on-line and ask to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS. Submit application to St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women by April 1.

HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time,
as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade
away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

– John Henry Newman



**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR
NEXT WEEKEND (MARCH 14) – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

Help Jesus in Disguise

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Laetare Sunday*, the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 14), our diocese will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in the guise of the poor and vulnerable in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Since then, with the generous support of our parishioners, CRS has expanded and served over 130 million people in more than 100 countries across five continents. It is the official international humanitarian agency of the Church in the United States.

This past year during the global pandemic, CRS is responding in the world's most vulnerable communities - distributing soap, hygiene kits and personal protection equipment, sharing prevention messages that help minimize risk, and ensuring access in these communities to food and clean water.

For over 75 years, their mission has been to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. They serve people based solely on need, regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity. Within the United States, CRS engages Catholics to live their faith in solidarity with the poor and suffering people of the world.

Please make your donation next weekend either on-line or in person (an envelope is in you boxed set). Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS



Flower Offering Envelopes are in the back of church, If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one. Enter their name(s) on the envelope. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers will remain in the church. Donation envelopes should be returned to the church by March 28, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

FEAST OF FAITH - Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

**SATURDAY MORNING
ROSARY AT 8:30 AM**



**OUR GROUP MEETS VIA ZOOM:
AUDIO--NO VIDEO!**

**PLEASE CALL 815-478-3341
OR EMAIL
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**TO JOIN OUR GROUP OR
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

**(YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL
EACH WEEK WITH A LINK
TO PARTICIPATE ON SATURDAY)**

SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT



**Save your gently used shoes!
St Joe School will be collecting all kinds:
Sandals, gym shoes, boots, casual shoes**

**Drop off at school
during the months of March & April**

Our goal: 100 bags (25 pairs/bag)

**Shoes are shipped to third-world countries
and distributed to those in need**

**And... St. Joe School will receive
40¢ cents per pound collected!**



Third Sunday of Lent – 07 March 2021

Exodus 17:3-7. Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8. John 4:5-42.

Year A readings

Thirsting. During the Exodus, the People of the Hebrews grumbled for water. At God's direction, Moses provided it. At the well in Samaria, the woman came for potable water. But Jesus provided living water. She was for ever changed.

For what am I really thirsty?

How is it that only Jesus can slake that thirst for me?

Drinking this living water now, what words and deeds must I change?

TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant – as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter – occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus – ritualized in baptism – demands a total allegiance to him and none other. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Job Opportunity – Cemetery Office

The Diocese of Joliet Cemetery Office is seeking to hire Seasonal Cemetery workers (positions available in Joliet, Kankakee, and Wheaton). These positions consist of the performance of seasonal work in the cemetery for the maximum period as outlined in the union contract (March through October). A valid Illinois drivers' license is required. Must be willing and able to perform tasks as outlined in the Cemetery Seasonal job description. To view job description, visit: <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=645>.

Normal 40- hour workweek. Ninety-day (90) probationary period. Union membership is required. Conditions and pay-rate (\$13.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour based on qualifications) as outlined in the current union contract. Seasonal/temporary with no benefits. Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please submit cover letter, resume and/or application to: eholloway@dioceseofjoliet.org. To mail resumes and/or applications, mail to: Office of the Director: 200 W. Romeo Rd. Romeoville, IL 60446.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp; Cathy Engler; Don Smith; Frank Quigley; Steve Niemiec

Please call the office to be included on the new list. Thank You.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH MARCH

- Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

Third Sunday of Lent

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have
other gods besides me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 7, 2021



Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Alternate readings (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. John of God
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

PLEASE REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS FROM ST. PATRICK CEMETERY BY PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28. THANK YOU.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin on Friday, at 6pm. Everyone will be invited; remember to wear your mask and use social distancing. Way of The Cross booklets will be available for you to take home and keep. (You bring them with you when you come for stations) Any used booklets left in church will be disposed of.



“THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT . . .”

For pious Jews in first-century Palestine, the Mosaic Law prescribed the way every action in life is dedicated to God. Today’s reading from Exodus tells how the Ten Commandments, the introduction to this larger legal code, is given to Israel as a gift from God.

In the Gospels Jesus is portrayed as a rabbi, or someone learned in the Law. A rabbi’s learning ideally included both the precepts of the Law and its reverent contemplation as a divine gift, within which one could hear God’s own voice. This was the way rabbis through the centuries used the Law to adapt to changing circumstances. This seems to be what Jesus was doing with the moneychangers in the temple.

JESUS, THE LAW, THE JEWS—AND US

When Jesus accused the moneychangers of sacrilege and cleared them out of the temple, the onlookers asked for a sign of his authority to do such a thing. After all, wasn’t it a sacrilege to purchase animals for sacrifice with pagan coins? Wasn’t this how the Jews adapted to Roman rule? Jesus says nothing about that; he only knows that this commercial activity inside the temple was a sacrilege. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus is criticized for not being strict enough with the Law, as when he ate with prostitutes and tax collectors, but here he is prescribing something stricter, something “more.”

Jesus is doing something extraordinary, contrary to ordinary practice, prompting the onlookers to request a sign, evidence that God is acting here through Jesus. His insistence that the moneychangers depart, his clear vision regarding “my Father’s house,” and his cryptic reference to himself as a temple, are signs of his contemplative intimacy with his Father that is the source of his authority about the Law.

Catholics, like first-century Jews, have our regular means for living in God’s presence. We have the liturgy, sacraments, devotions, and personal prayer. During Lent, we are asked to be a little stricter with ourselves, listening for God’s own voice. If we do, we might discover that we, too, are being called to something “more.”

Today’s Readings: Ex 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17]; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22–25; Jn 2:13–25

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